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SUBJECT: CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF INSURGENCY IN VENEZUELA

REF: CARACAS 7101

EMBASSY HAS PREPARED A SURVEY ON REFERENCED SUBJECT
WHICH IS BEING TRANSMITTED IN A-104 OF JULY 26. FOLLOW-
ING IS SUMMARY OF THAT AIRGRAM:

"TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST RANCHERS IN
EASTERN VENEZUELA, PLUS THE DISCOVERY LAST MONTH OF TWO
UNDERGROUND HIDEOUTS PREPARED BY RURAL GUERRILLAS, HAS
FOCUSED PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEM OF INSURGENCY
IN VENEZUELA. AFTER A REVIEW OF ALL THE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION, WE REACH SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS:
FIRST, RURAL INSURGENTS MAINTAIN THE CAPACITY FOR
LIMITED ACTION AGAINST RURAL SETTLEMENTS, AND SMALL
TOWNS (PARTICULARLY IN THE STATES OF MONAGAS AND
ANZOATEGUI), BUT THEY POSE NO SERIOUS THREAT TO THE
REGION OR TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (THEY PROBABLY
NUMBER 150 ACTIVISTS AT A MAXIMUM). SECOND, THE
PUBLICITY ABOUT THE INSURGENTS WILL CONTINUE AS RANCHERS
IN PARTICULAR CONTINUE TO CRITICIZE THE GOVERNMENT FOR
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FAILING TO PROTECT THEM WITH CONSEQUENT EMBARRASSMENT
FOR THE GOV. THIRD, THE GOV'S ANTI-SUBVERSIVE OPERATION
IS PROBABLY FORCING THE GUERRILLAS TO CARRY OUT MORE
ACTION TO MAINTAIN THEIR MORALE. FOURTH, THERE IS
ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF A DRAMATIC AND COMPLEX
NIEHOUS-STYLE OPERATION, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO HARD
EVIDENCE THAT THE SMALL TERRORIST GROUPS ARE PREPARED

TO UNDERTAKE AN ENDEAVOR NOW."

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